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SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH For:

DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.